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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS JUSTICE

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SUSPECTED SABOTAGE

REF: STATE 33721

1. EMBASSY AT 1:30 PM TODAY (FEB. 14) DELIVERED NOTE TO
MFA REQUESTING PROVISIONAL ARREST AND EVENTUAL
EXTRADITION OF SUSPECT DANG. TEXT FOLLOWS:
QUOTE "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS
ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT AND HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THAT THE
MINISTRY AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE THAI POLICE AUTHORITIES
TO PLACE UNDER PROVISIONAL ARREST MR. GOBIND RAM DANG, A
CITIZEN OF INDIA BEARING INDIAN PASSPORT NUMBER J 258822,
AND FURTHER THAT THE MINISTRY AUTHORIZE EXTRADITION OF
MR. DANG TO THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROVISIONS OF THE EXTRADITION TREATY OF DECEMBER 30, 1922,
ON CRIMINAL CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST MR. DANG AT
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WASHINGTON, D.C. ON FEBRUARY 13, 1975.

MR. DANG, WHO IS IN CUSTODY OF THAI POLICE AUTHORITIES, HAS SIGNED A WRITTEN CONFESSION, WITNESSED BY TWO SENIOR THAI POLICE OFFICERS IN THE PRESENCE OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMBASSY OF INDIA IN BANGKOK, THAT HE, MR. DANG, DELIBERATELY IGNITED A FIRE WITH CRIMINAL INTENT ABOARD A PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO NEW DELHI FROM BANGKOK AT 0307 HOURS BANGKOK TIME ON FEBRUARY 3, 1975. MR. DANG BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT IN HONG KONG ON FEBRUARY 2, 1975. A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF MR. DANG'S STATEMENT IS ATTACHED.

MR. GOBIND RAMDANG WAS BORN OCTOBER 10, 1934 IN INDIA, IS ONE METER 71 CENTIMETERS TALL, HAS BLACK HAIR AND BLACK EYES, AND A SCAR ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS FACE. THE WARRANT FOR MR. DANG'S ARREST WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 13, 1975 IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BY A U.S. MAGISTRATE FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ON THE BASIS OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED BY A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION. THE WARRANT CHARGES MR. DANG WITH VIOLATION OF 18 UNITED STATES CODE 113 (A), TO WIT, ATTEMPTED MURDER; 18 UNITED STATES CODE 32, ARSON; AND 49 UNITED STATES CODE 1472 (K)(1), CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS SEEKING MR. DANG'S PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR TRIAL.

THE EMBASSY WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR THE MINISTRY'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR THE ARREST AND RAPID EXTRADITION OF MR. DANG TO THE UNITED STATES, AND IS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE MINISTRY MAY REQUIRE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT END.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE. UNQUOTE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD HAVE TO SIGN THE LETTER TO THE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERIOR REQUESTING THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY ORDER THE POLICE TO RETAIN DANG IN CUSTODY. THE MFA OFFICIAL HOPED THAT THE LETTER WOULD GO THIS AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 14. LEST THE LETTER NOT MAKE IT BEFORE COB THE DCM PHONED THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERIOR; LATTER SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT IMMIGRATION AND POLICE OFFICIALS TO DETAIN DANG UNTIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EMBASSY AND THE MFA COULD COMPLETE ALL LEGAL AND DIPLOMATIC FORMALITIES.
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